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> AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED **JUNE 11, 2003**

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This is in response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2003, for which the three month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on September 11, 2003. Authorization to charge fees of \$132 (because there is a net gain of two \$ independent claims and a net loss of two dependent claims) has been submitted with g this Response. While Applicants believe that no extension of time for response is necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Appl. No. 10/021,050 Reply to Office Action of June 11, 2003

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.